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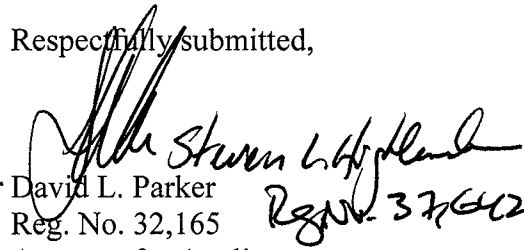
Claims 75-99 are pending. No claims have been amended or added.

The specification has been amended to update the continuing application data.

With respect to the pending obviousness-type double patenting rejection over commonly-owned parent US Patent 6,656,471, without in any way conceding that the rejection has merit or that the Examiner's comments properly characterize the relationship of the claims of the respective patents (they do not), Applicants enclose an appropriate terminal disclaimer to obviate the rejection.

Applicants believe that the foregoing remarks fully respond to all outstanding matters for this application. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of all claims be withdrawn so they may pass to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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